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Superfund Response & Investigation Branch

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February 11, 1993

Bob Lalande
Armstrong World Industries, Inc.
1645 Railroad Ave.
St. Helens, Oregon 97051

RE: Armstrong World Industries, Inc. Site Visit
CERCLIS No. ORD093476109

Dear Mr. Lalande:

This letter confirms our conversation on February 11, 1993 regarding our visit to Armstrong World Industries, located in St. Helens, Oregon, on Friday, February 26, 1993 at 9:00 a.m. At the time of the site visit, you are requested to provide the information listed on the enclosed checklist.

The inspection will be performed by PRC Environmental Management, Inc. (PRC). PRC is an authorized contractor of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) (Contract No. 068-W9-009) and is acting as field investigators for EPA. The investigators may be accompanied by representatives from EPA, the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, or both.

Under Section 104(e) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. 9604(e), EPA has the authority to gain access to, and request information from, sites where any hazardous substances or pollutants or contaminants may have been released or are threatened to be released, or may have been generated, stored, treated, disposed of, or transported to or from. If access to the site is not granted, or information is not provided, EPA has the authority to issue a compliance order to gain access or obtain information, and may seek civil penalties of up to \$25,000 per day for each day of noncompliance.

Armstrong World Industries will be inspected to determine the impact or potential impact of any hazardous substances which have been, are, or may be released to the environment at or from the facility, or may have migrated to the facility from some other facility. The field investigators will:

- . Meet the site owner or representative on the date and time specified above.
- . Interview the site owner or representative to confirm existing information (i.e., address, total area, etc.).
- . Perform a site walk-through and visual inspection with the site owner or representative.

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Take photographs of the site.

Collect all pertinent information including manifests, site maps, sampling results, etc., from the site owner or representative, (see enclosed checklist).

The inspection findings will be documented in a report which will provide a basis for EPA to determine if any further action is appropriate at the site. The completed report will be made available to you by EPA.

Your company may assert a claim of confidentiality for any information entitled to protection under 40 C.F.R., Part 2, Subpart B. All confidential material must be separately submitted, marked "confidential," and include the basis of your claim. EPA will treat such information as set forth in the cited subpart.

If you have any questions regarding our site visit, please contact me at (206) 624-2692. Please contact Debbie Robinson of the EPA at (206) 553-4961 if you have questions regarding the purpose of this inspection.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Julianne Howe".

Julianne Howe

Enclosure

cc: Debbie Robinson, EPA Region 10

CERCLA INFORMATION NEEDS

1. General information

- Site name
- Street address
- Phone number
- Name of parent company, if any
- Previous property/facility owners
 - Names
 - Addresses
 - Years of ownership
- Total area of site (in acres)
- Description of site security, if any (i.e. fenced, patrolled, etc.)
- Description of land use immediately surrounding the site boundaries
- Water supply source(s)
- Number of workers at site

2. Site map with the following items identified

- All waste storage/disposal areas (buildings, ponds, piles, etc.)
- Well locations (production wells, monitoring wells, abandoned wells)
- Site entrance locations
- Building names and their general functions
- Outside process areas
- Storage tanks (above and below ground, size contents)
- Waste treatment systems, if present

3. Waste summary

- Waste types generated or stored on site (e.g. sludge, solvents, pesticides, acids, bases, etc.)
- Chemical constituents of each waste, if known
- Feedstocks containing hazardous materials
- Type of storage and/or final deposition (i.e. landfilled on site, transported from site by recycling firm, etc.)
- Volumes of each waste type generated annually and total volume present on site
- Description of any waste treatment systems (i.e. flocculation/filtration, incineration, chemical/physical treatment, volume reduction, etc.)
- Names of waste transporters/recyclers, and the time period they have been used

4. List of permit and applications

- Include permit number, date of issue, and expiration date (i.e. NPDES, UIC, air, RCRA, SPCC Plan, state, local, etc.)

5. Past/present sampling/monitoring activities

- Summary of sampling/monitoring programs
- Hydrogeological studies prepared for the site